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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re United States Patent No. 4,418,068

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**Request for Interim Extension of Patent Term Under 35 U.S.C. §156(e)(2)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Applicant refers to their extension request of October 3, 2000 wherein, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §156, a five-year extension of the captioned application was requested. The un-extended expiration date of the Patent in question is April 3, 2001. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §156(e)(2), two one-year interim extensions have been granted, thus far, making the expiration date of the present patent April 3, 2003, approximately one month from the date of this letter.

As of the writing of this letter, the United States Patent and Trademark Office has still not rendered a decision with respect to Applicant's request for a five-year extension. Therefore, pursuant to §156(e)(2), Applicant hereby requests a third one-year interim extension of the present patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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